

**This Place Matters:  
National Historic Preservation Month  
May 2008**



WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, "*This Place Matters*" is the theme for National Historic Preservation Month 2008, cosponsored by the City of San Jose and the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, over the last year, the Historic Landmarks Commission and City Council designated nine individual City Landmark Structures and associated preservation incentives; and together with the City's Strong Neighborhoods Initiative designated the Lake House City Landmark Historic District and Martha Gardens Conservation Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Reed, Mayor of the City of San Jose, along with City Councilmember Judy Chirco, Historic Landmarks Commission Liaison, and our colleagues on the City Council, do proclaim May 2008, National Historic Preservation Month, and call upon the people of San Jose to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.